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Commissioner Gail Hambrick to Hold Forest Park Groundbreaking Ceremony

New District 2 library to be built from county SPLOST Funds

Jonesboro- A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Forest Park library will take place on Thursday, October 20, at 4:00pm. The site of the new facility and the groundbreaking ceremony is located at 4812 West Street across from the rear parking lot of the First Baptist Church of Forest Park. The public is invited to attend the ceremony and become a part of Forest Park history.

Commissioner Hambrick is delighted that the construction of the new library will soon begin. "I am quite pleased to announce that construction for the new 16,000 square feet library is scheduled to begin over the next month with a targeted completion time of fall of 2012. It will have a number of community oriented features that include a room for teens, a computer lab, a multi-purpose meeting room for the community and a homework center. In designing the new library the county wanted to make sure that it met the needs of the community that is being built to serve. I feel that the architects on this project, Craig Gaulden Davis Architects and Gerding Collaborative, have truly captured this concept."

The new facility will have the capacity to hold over 64,000 books and other library materials, in addition to 82 total computers that will be at the disposal of the community. The energy efficient complex will sit on 1.4 acres of land and use natural daylight to decrease the use of artificial lighting and its current natural surroundings of large trees to help decrease the need for air conditioning. "This project has successfully taken root through a partnership between local, county and state government in order to provide a needed service to the residents of Forest Park", said Carol Stewart, Clayton County Director of Library Services.

To see the artist rendition of the new Forest Park library visit the county's website at www.claytonpl.org